
LEGAL WARNING

DEFEND YOUR RIGHTS

HOUSING/TENANTS RIGHTS, RIGHTS TO SHELTER/TRESPASS AND PROTEST

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THE PROPOSED NEW LAWS COULD AFFECT:

- Tenants: accused by landlords of being squatters for being behind with rent.
- Students and workers occupations of Universities and workplaces.
- Our Rights to Protest and set up Peace and Climate camps
- Squatters, Gypsies and Travellers / The Homeless, poor and vulnerable

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The Government consultation :

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/consultations/dealing-with-squatters.htm>

The SQUASH campaign:

provides guidelines on replying to the consultation,
www.squashcampaign.org/resources/respond-to-the-consultation/ (A quick response guide)

www.squashcampaign.org , email info@squashcampaign.org

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Reply to the Government consultation using SQUASH guidelines.

www.squattershousingactiongroup.wordpress.com

email: squattersactiongroup@gmail.com

Write to / visit your MP, local council / the media, to ask what they are doing to defend our rights and campaign against this unjust proposal for a new law.

SIGN PETITIONS AND TAKE DIRECT ACTION:

VISIT WWW.LEGALWARNING.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION



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SQUATTASTIC : Organise and mobilise in your area. There are monthly meetings in London
www.squattastic.blogspot.com Phone 07757009150
Also housing support networks are setting up in Brighton, Bristol, Nottingham and other UK cities.

Housing Solidarity : are building a radical housing movement as part of the wider struggles against austerity by raising awareness of the housing crisis and housing benefit cuts.
<http://housingolidarity.wordpress.com>, Twitter #housingolidarity

Advisory Service for Squatters www.squatter.org.uk, Phone 02032160099
email advice@squatter.org.uk

What you can do

1. Reply to the Government consultation using SQUASH guidelines and encourage others to.

2. Set up a housing support group in your area.

3. Sign petitions 38 Degrees <http://38degrees.uservoice.com/forums/78585-campaign-suggestions/suggestions/2137333-resist-the-criminalisation-of-squatting?ref=title>

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DONT PANIC !! Just DO Something

Organise mobilise, keep networking, take action, "Whatever they say squatting will stay"